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Letter dated 14 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new serious violations of the status quo in Cyprus by the Turkish military forces. These new provocations involve recent violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and the flight information region of Nicosia, south of the ceasefire line, and flights of Turkish military aircraft over sensitive military areas of the Republic.

More specifically, on 13 and 14 October 2005, two formations of Turkish military aircrafts (four and six, respectively) violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and the flight information region of Nicosia, flying perimetrically along the southern coasts of Cyprus, in complete defiance of all international air traffic regulations and in full disrespect of all appeals of the international community to avoid escalation of tension in Cyprus at this particularly crucial juncture.

While violations of the flight information region of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkish military aircraft have regrettably come to be a regular occurrence, the aforementioned violations in the southern part of the country surpass in gravity all previous provocations. Such actions not only significantly jeopardize flight safety but also generate unprecedented strong feelings of insecurity, anxiety and apprehension among civilians.

In the wake of the recent opening of the accession negotiations between Turkey and the European Union, both the Government and the people of Cyprus sincerely believed that Turkey would demonstrate a genuine will to undertake steps towards the reunification of the island and refrain from further undermining peace and stability in the region. It is therefore with great dismay that we realize that Turkey, far from changing its policy of aggression and division, opts to create an atmosphere of intimidation and tension among the people of Cyprus.

In this context, I strongly appeal to you to exert your influence over the Turkish Government with respect to its refraining from actions that aggravate an

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already tense situation and also undermine your efforts regarding the reaching of a mutually accepted settlement to the Cyprus issue.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**

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The situation in the Middle East

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

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Identical letters dated 17 October 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to draw your attention to another wave of fatal terrorist drive-by shootings perpetrated against Israeli citizens this weekend.

Yesterday, Palestinian terrorists associated with the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade drove through Gush Etzion junction and opened automatic fire on a group of young Israeli citizens waiting for transportation. The terrorists murdered Kinneret Mandel, a 23-year-old Israeli woman; Matat Adler-Rosenfeld, her 21-year-old newly-wed cousin; and Oz Ben-Meir, a 15-year-old Israeli boy who had just begun high school.

Less than an hour later, Palestinian terrorists again carried out a drive-by shooting, this time at the Eli Junction in Binyamin. In this attack, terrorists fired at Israeli teenagers walking by the roadside, wounding a 14-year-old critically.

These heinous attacks serve as a reminder that terrorism remains *the* stumbling block to any future peace. Any advancement towards forging a real, lasting peace is inconceivable so long as terrorists are allowed to target Israelis and their children.

Israel calls upon the Palestinian Authority to reaffirm its commitment to fighting and eliminating terrorism and immediately take whatever steps are necessary to achieve those goals. The elimination of terrorism is the first and most fundamental step towards peace. Particularly after new momentum was created by Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank, it is imperative that the Palestinian Authority live up to its commitments.

Furthermore, Israel urges the international community to reiterate its intolerance of terrorism in the strongest terms and to demand from the Palestinian Authority that it take immediate and comprehensive steps to effectively prevent Palestinian terrorism.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 14 and 108.

(*Signed*) Daniel **Carmon**
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